

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/28/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-20 and 23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 4-20, and 23 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reason for the indication of allowance: As the applicant stated in the remarks of the amendment filed on 8/25/2005, 3/9/2006, and 9/28/2006.

Applicant's independent claim 4: The present invention is directed to in a cellular communication system of the type where base stations are equipped with directional antennas that can assume one of I number of directions of transmissions where $I > 2$, a method of increasing downlink coverage and traffic capacity, comprising as define is the specification (paragraph 0021-0040). The independent claim identifier the uniquely distinct feature "a first base station, successively directing a first radio beam in I number of directions A (i) according to a first beam rotation scheme, where i is [2,I]; and at a second base station adjacent to said first base station, successively directing a second radio beam in I number of directions B(i) according to a second beam rotation scheme; wherein said first beam rotation scheme and said second beam rotation scheme form J number of reception timeslots T(j) for user equipment located within said first radio beam and said second radio beam, each of said reception timeslots T(j) having different channel conditions, and said second base station allocating said reception timeslots T(j) according to quality of service requirements of each said user equipment". Applicant's independent claim 4 comprises a particular combination of element, which is neither taught non-suggested by prior art.

Applicant's independent claim 23: The present invention is directed to in a method for controlling interference between first and second traffic carrying beams of adjacent cells of a cellular radio system, said method comprising as define is the specification (paragraph 0021-0040). The independent claim identifier the uniquely distinct feature "(d) selecting a reception timeslot from said different timeslots that corresponds to an optimal C/I ratio for user equipment residing within a location covered by both said first and second beams wherein steps (c) and (d) include: differentiating said reception timeslot in said first radio beam and said second radio beam; associating each said reception timeslot with a respective location in a first sector covered by said first radio beam; and allocating to user equipment a reception timeslot in said first radio beam so as to maximize overall system capacity and coverage performance based on channel quality conditions of said different timeslots for said user equipment".

Applicant's independent claim 23 comprises a particular combination of element, which is neither taught non-suggested by prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

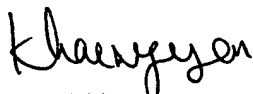
Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khai M. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571.272.7923. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on 571.272.4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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